

1. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer configured to retain an eyeglass in a desired position on the body of a user, the eyeglass having first and second temples and first and second earpieces coupled to respective temples, the eyeglass retainer comprising:

a cord having a first end and a second end;

first means coupled to the first end of the cord for selectively coupling to one of (i) the a first temple of an eyeglass; and (ii) the a first earpiece coupled to the first temple of the eyeglass, wherein the first earpiece of the eyeglass is selectively received and retained within a chamber of the first means for selectively coupling; and

second means coupled to the second end of the cord for selectively coupling to one of (i) the a second temple of an eyeglass; and (ii) the a second earpiece coupled to the second temple of an the eyeglass, wherein the second earpiece of the eyeglass is selectively received and retained within a chamber of the second means for selectively coupling.

2. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 1, wherein the first means for selectively coupling ~~to one of (i) the temple; and (ii) the earpiece of an eyeglass;~~ and the second means for selectively coupling ~~to one of (i) the temple; and (ii) the earpiece of an eyeglass~~ comprise a first and second connector, respectively.

3. **(Original)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 2, wherein each of the first and second connectors has:

- (i) a hollow chamber configured to receive an eyeglass earpiece therein; and
- (ii) an expandable opening communicating with the hollow chamber.

4. **(Original)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 1, wherein adhesive connects the first and second ends of the cord to respective first and second connectors.

5. **(Original)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 1, wherein the eyeglass retainer retains an eyeglass on the head of a wearer.

AI 6. **(Original)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 1, wherein the eyeglass retainer suspends an eyeglass from the neck of a wearer.

7. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 1, wherein each ~~connector~~ means for coupling is non-integrally connected to its corresponding end of the cord.

8. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer configured to retain an eyeglass in a desired position on the body of a user, the eyeglass having first and second temples and first and second earpieces coupled to respective temples, the eyeglass retainer comprising:

a cord having a first end and a second end;

a first connector coupled to the first end of the cord; and

a second connector coupled to the second end of the cord, wherein each of the first and second connectors is configured to selectively couple to one of (i) a temple of an eyeglass; and (ii) an earpiece of ~~an~~ said eyeglass.

9. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 8, wherein each of the first and second connectors has:

(i) a hollow chamber configured to receive and retain an eyeglass earpiece therein; and

(ii) an ~~expandable~~ opening communicating with the hollow chamber.

10. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer configured to retain an eyeglass in a desired position on the body of a user, the eyeglass retainer comprising:
a cord having a first end and a second end;
a first connector coupled to the first end of the cord; and
a second connector coupled to the second end of the cord, wherein each of the first and second connectors has:

(i) a hollow chamber configured to receive and retain an eyeglass earpiece therein; and

(ii) an opening communicating with the hollow chamber, the opening configured such that the eyeglass earpiece can be selectively moved from the chamber through the opening such that the temple of the eyeglass is mounted within the ~~hollow chamber~~ opening.

11. **(Original)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 10, wherein each opening comprises a hole having a slit adjacent thereto.

12. **(Original)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 11, wherein the slit communicates with the hole, such that the slit expands as an earpiece extends through the hole.

13. **(Original)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 10, wherein the eyeglass retainer is configured such that the retainer connectors selectively grip at least one of: (i) first and second earpieces of an eyeglass; and (ii) first and second temples of an eyeglass.

14. **(Allowed)** An eyeglass retainer configured to retain an eyeglass in a desired position on the body of a user, the eyeglass having an eyeglass frame comprising a first temple, a first earpiece coupled to the first temple, a second temple, and a second earpiece coupled to the temple, the eyeglass retainer comprising:

a cord having a first end and a second end;

a first connector coupled to the first end of the cord; and

a second connector coupled to the second end of the cord, wherein each of the first and second connectors has:

(i) a tubular wall defining hollow chamber configured to receive an eyeglass earpiece therein; and

(ii) an opening extending through the tubular wall, the opening comprising:

(A) a hole extending through the tubular wall; and

(B) a slit extending through the tubular wall, the slit being oriented adjacent the hole.

15. **(Allowed)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 14, wherein the slit and the hole are in communication with each other.

16. **(Allowed)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 14, wherein the slit expands as an earpiece that is larger than the hole extends through the opening.

17. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer configured to retain an eyeglass in a desired position on the body of a user, the eyeglass having an eyeglass frame comprising a first temple, a first earpiece coupled to the first temple, a second temple, and a second earpiece coupled to the temple, the eyeglass retainer comprising:

a cord having a first end and a second end;

a first connector coupled to the first end of the cord; and

a second connector coupled to the second end of the cord, wherein each of the first and second connectors has:

(i) a tubular wall defining a hollow chamber configured to receive an eyeglass earpiece therein; and

(ii) ~~ana~~ single expandable opening extending through the tubular wall.

18. **(Presently Amended)** A retainer as recited in claim 17, wherein the expandable opening of each connector comprises:

(A) a hole extending through the tubular wall; and

(B) a slit extending through the tubular wall, the slit communicating with the hole such that the slit expands as an earpiece that is larger than the hole extends through the opening.

19. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim ~~17~~ 18, wherein the slit and the hole are in communication with each other.

20. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim ~~17~~ 18, wherein the slit expands as an earpiece that is larger than the hole extends through the opening.

21. (New) An eyeglass retainer kit configured to enable the retention of an eyeglass in a desired position on the body of a user, the eyeglass retainer kit comprising:

an eyeglass having first and second temples and first and second earpieces coupled to respective temples; and

an eyeglass retainer comprising:

a cord having a first end and a second end;

a first connector coupled to the first end of the cord; and

A/ a second connector coupled to the second end of the cord, wherein each of the first and second connectors is configured: (i) to selectively receive and retain a temple of the eyeglass; and (ii) to selectively receive and retain an earpiece of said eyeglass.

22. (New) A method for retaining an eyeglass in a desired position on the body of a user, the eyeglass having first and second temples and first and second earpieces coupled to respective temples, the method for retaining the eyeglass comprising:

providing an eyeglass retainer comprising:

a cord having a first end and a second end;

a first connector coupled to the first end of the cord; and

a second connector coupled to the second end of the cord, wherein each of the

first and second connectors is configured (i) to selectively receive and retain a

temple of the eyeglass; and (ii) to selectively receive and retain an earpiece of said

eyeglass; and

inserting first and second earpieces of an eyeglass into respective first and second connectors of the eyeglass retainer.

23. (New) A method as recited in claim 22, further comprising selectively moving the first and second temples of the eyeglass through respective openings in the first and second connectors.
